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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US/UK ANTITRUST DISCUSSIONS

1. JOEL DAVIDOW, CHIEF OF FOREIGN COMMERCE SECTION, US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM J. D. GRIBBIN, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE & INDUSTRY, VICTORIA STREET, REQUESTING LUNCHEON MEETING IN PARIS TO DISCUSS AMERICAN ANTIRUST POLICY TOWARD PATENTS. LUNCHEON PROPOSED BY GRIBBIN WOULD BE HELD DURING MARCH OECD WORKING PARTY SESSIONS ON RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES.

2. PLEASE INFORM GRIBBIN THAT DAVIDOW SUGGESTS A MEETING IN LONDON ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, AS PREFERABLE IN TERMS OF TIME AND SCHEDULE. A MONDAY MEETING MIGHT ALSO ALLOW TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS OTHER TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST, INCLUDING PRESENT ANTITRUST DIVISION INVESTIGATION OF BRITISH PUBLISHERS TRADITIONAL MARKET AGREEMENT.

3. IF A MONDAY MEETING IN LONDON IS NOT FEASIBLE, DAVIDOW PREPARED TO MEET AT LUNCH IN PARIS THURSDAY, MARCH 28. DAVIDOW WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY REACTION FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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GRIBBIN IN ORDER TO COMPLETE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. KISSINGER

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